



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

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Gulf Council to Convene its Standing and Scientific and Statistical Committees

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a meeting of its Standing and Socioeconomic, Shrimp, Spiny Lobster, and Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) June 1 – June 3. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Westshore Tampa Airport Hotel – 2225 N. Lois Avenue, in Tampa, Florida, and will begin at 9:00 am Wednesday, June 1, concluding no later than noon Friday, June 3.

The Standing and Socioeconomic SSC will meet Wednesday morning to discuss Reef Fish Amendments 41 and 42, and market power analysis for the Gulf IFQ programs.

The Shrimp SSC will then join the discussion to review Shrimp Amendment 17B and the Aggregate MSY/OY Working Group summary report.

Later, the Standing, Socioeconomic, and Spiny Lobster SSC will convene to review the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 (preliminary) Spiny Lobster Landings, along with comments from the Spiny Lobster Review Panel and Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel.

The remainder of the meeting will consist of the Standing and Reef Fish SSC who will meet to discuss a number of issues:

- SSC members serving as Council state designees
- Methods to address recreational red snapper annual catch limit underharvests
- Terms of reference for both gag and greater amberjack update assessments
- Research and operational cycles for SEDAR stock assessments
- Review of the SEDAR assessment schedule through 2019
- Decision tool for gray triggerfish bag limits, size limits, and closed season analyses
- SEDAR 45 vermilion snapper standard assessment
- SSC recommendations for hogfish equilibrium acceptable biological catch
- Optimum yield exceeding maximum sustainable yield
- Draft Reef Fish Amendment 44 – minimum stock size threshold and maximum sustainable yield proxies for reef fish stocks

For a complete agenda and other meeting materials visit the Council's file server - <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>. The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "SSC meeting-2016-06".

This meeting will be webcast over the internet via GoToWebinar. To register for the webinar, click here - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8285691302918112260>.

About the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans, which are designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico.